



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Ministry, 1 February 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse\*
- Bread Ministry, 7 February 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Valentine's Day, 14 February



Pony Ride at Headquarters Company's Pre-Deployment Brief/ Family Day on January 7

## A Note from the Commanding Officer

# DEPLOYMENTS QUICKLY APPROACHING; BE PREPARED

Dear Family Members, Friends, Marines and Sailors,

Happy New Year! I trust that each of you had a wonderful holiday season. In our October newsletter, I mentioned that it was still a little early to solidify deployment dates. With the holidays behind us and pre-deployment

training almost complete, this will serve as the final newsletter before CSSG 15 Marines and Sailors deploy once again to support the global war on terror. While we do not have specific "fly dates" yet, we do have what is referred to as "deployment windows." What this means is that each group of deploying personnel has a window of about three to five days in which we anticipate airplanes arriving at March Reserve Base. Your deploying Marine or Sailor will deploy

sometime during that window. It is prudent that we be prepared to deploy on the first day of the window but we may not leave until the last day...and airplanes do break down which can cause additional unexpected delays.

Much like the MEF and Marine Logistics Group have reorganized for this deployment by deploying Forward headquarters, vice the main headquarters, CSSG 15 will deploy a forward headquarters. This unit will be called Combat Logistics Regiment 15 Forward (CLR 15 Fwd). Lieutenant Colonel Joe Granata, currently the CO of 1st Maintenance Battalion, will serve as the commander of this unit. Major Chuck Sides, currently the CO of CSSC 133, will serve as the Executive Officer. Sergeant

Major Lamar, the 1st Maintenance Battalion Sergeant Major will serve as the CLR 15 Fwd Sergeant Major. Other personnel changes will occur as well as we task organize the unit to accomplish its mission while deployed.

For those of us not deploying during this first rotation, we will continue to support the vast majority of I MEF that will remain in southern California and Arizona. We will be required to perform the same amount of work with less people. We will deploy personnel to support exercises in 29 Palms, California and Yuma, Arizona and who knows where else. After 1 April, we will begin to identify personnel that will deploy for the second rotation and then commence their pre-deployment training.

I know that this is a very difficult time for all of us. I would ask that each of you review your unit points of contact (acting COs, XOs, family readiness officers, and key volunteers) to ensure that you have the right phone numbers and e-mail addresses should you need to contact someone. Remember: you are not alone in this deployment!

## Chaplain's Corner

# SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS

Greetings CSSG-15 families. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ray Hunt and I am your new Regimental Chaplain. As I have been settling into this new assignment, I can't help but be extremely impressed by the pride and professionalism displayed daily by CSSG-15 Marines and Sailors. Personally, I took this job, even though I knew it would mean going back to Iraq, just to be around people such as your loved ones.

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- Presidents' Day '72, 18-20 February
- Bread Ministry, 21 February 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Food Ministry, 1 March 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse\*
- Bread Ministry, 7 March 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Food Ministry, 15 March 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse\*
- Bread Ministry, 21 March 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Bread Ministry, 4 April 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Food Ministry, 5 April 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse\*
- Bread Ministry, 18 April 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center\*
- Food Ministry, 19 April 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse\*

\*For more information on the bread and food ministries, please call (760) 908-7043

### ***In Future Newsletters...***

News from Iraq-  
updates from forward  
units

## **A Note from 1st Maintenance Battalion**

# REAR COMMAND STRUCTURE

Greetings from 1st Maintenance Battalion. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and enjoyed the opportunity to relax and enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

This has been a very busy quarter. In November we had an extremely successful Marine Corps Birthday Ball held in Prim, Nevada where fun was had by all— some even won a little money. We also kicked off our pre-deployment training with many of our Marines attending Rear Area Security training and others heading out to 29 Palms to support Mojave Viper. Our Maintenance Detachment along with an additional Maintenance Support Team really bailed the exercise out by completing over 400 equipment repair orders on badly worn equipment, which will enable the MEF to continue to train for months to come. It wasn't all work though, with company Thanksgiving and Christmas parties and several 96's, there was ample time to relax and get into the holiday spirit.

When we deploy in February, as Colonel Hudson indicated, I will become the Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (Forward). The XO, Major Silkowski, will become the Officer in Charge, 1st Maintenance Bn and will continue his duties as Family Readiness Officer. The Command structure and key points of contact are as follow:

OIC, 1st Maintenance Bn.....	Major Tim Silkowski.....	725-3148
Chaplain.....	LT Tom Cook.....	725-4001
Key Volunteer Advisor .....	Rene' Granata .....	385-4059
H&S Company Commander .....	Capt Denise Vasel.....	725-3669
RMC Officer in Charge .....	Capt Paul Zacharzuk .....	725-4450
MTM Commanding Officer.....	CWO3 Benino Guerrero .....	725-2110
EMC Commanding Officer.....	CWO4 Richard Krout.....	725-3948
OMC Commanding Officer .....	Capt Jason Lacis .....	725-4438

The Key Volunteer Network (KVN) continues to actively support our Battalion as they also prepare for the upcoming deployment. We have added the KVN to the agenda for our New Join Briefs in order to reach all of our Marine Families as early as possible. If you are interested in joining the KVN please contact Rene' Granata at (760) 385-4059 or send her an e-mail at rgranata@cox.net.

Semper Fi,  
Joe Granata

## **SUCCESS**

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Speaking of Iraq, I know that many of you are making preparations for deployment to Iraq and that many more are making preparations to *go back* to Iraq. I also have some knowledge of the stress that can be a part of pre-deployment and deployment. Please know that there are many people who are ready to move mountains to take care of your Marines and Sailors while they are in country. Also know that there are resources here at Camp Pendleton that are willing to do the same for you while your spouse is deployed. For those that remain behind, keep in touch with your KVN. They can do almost anything, but they can't read minds. Please make sure that you are setting yourself up for success.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to call. The number for the 22 Area chapel is (760) 725-4539. Even though I am going forward, this office will be manned.

I wish each of you a blessed new year and know that your Marines and Sailors remain in my prayers constantly.

God bless,  
Chaplain Ray Hunt

**DEPLOYED  
MAILING  
ADDRESSES**  
(see FYI, p.3)

### **1st Maintenance**

Rank & Full Name  
CLR 15 Maint Co  
Unit 42285  
FPO AP 96426-2285

### **1st Supply**

Rank & Full Name  
CLR 15 Sup Co  
Unit 42160  
FPO AP 96426-2160



## A Note from Headquarters Company

# SUPPORT OF FAMILIES WILL CONTINUE

First, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the Marines, Sailors, family and friends who made the HQ Company Family day such a BIG success. We had a great turnout and it was a wonderful way to start the New Year. We also had the opportunity to share some important information with the families concerning the upcoming deployment.

Second, I would also like to thank the friends and families of our Marines and Sailors for being so supportive during this busy time. I know that the Marines and Sailors would agree with me when I say, without your selfless support, they would not be able to complete the various missions that they were tasked. As the deployment of your Marine or Sailor draws close, I would like to assure you that even though you're loved one might be leaving, we will continue to support the families of our Marines and Sailors.

Finally, as with any deployment, there will be billets left unfilled within HQ, but for quick reference, below are names and numbers of company personnel that will be here to assist you should you have any questions or need help:

CSSG-15 Chaplain .....	CDR Ski .....	(760) 725-4539
HQ Company 1stSgt .....	SSgt Yasko .....	(760) 725-1894
Legal .....	GySgt Graham .....	(760) 725-3252
Pay .....	GySgt Graham .....	(760) 725-3252
Regimental Duty Officer .....		(760) 725-3976/8039

Semper Fidelis,  
Rich Garcia

## A Note from CLC-134

# 134: IRAQ BOUND

As we begin this New Year and our future deployment to Iraq, I look back to see all what this company has accomplished. We supported two artillery batteries at the Weapons and Tactics Instruction exercise in Niland, California in March and September superbly. We passed both a Commanding General's Inspection and a Regimental Logistics Readiness Evaluation with flying colors. We then immediately turned to our pre-deployment training in December. All your Marines have worked extremely hard especially these last six months and you should be very proud of them. But, more importantly I thank you for your support and patience throughout our hectic schedule. We could not have done it without you.

All the long hours and time spent away though has led up to this upcoming deployment. So, there was a method to this madness. All the training and the preparing we've done has equipped your Marines to travel a long distance to do their job and come back home safely. As about half the company boards airplanes to leave for Iraq, you need to know two things: 1) These Marines are

trained, equipped, and ready to deploy to protect our nation and come home safely. And 2) You will not be alone. Our Remain Behind Personnel will be available any time to answer any questions you may have or help you with services provided on base. If you were not able to attend our Family Pre-deployment Brief on January 12, we're more than happy to speak with you again. Let me take the time to give you our Key Remain Behind Personnel:

Captain Perez, Commanding Officer  
GySgt Clark, First Sergeant/ Company Gunny/  
Family Readiness Officer  
GySgt Bermudez, Maintenance Officer  
SSgt Runnels, Supply Chief  
SSgt Cox, Utilities Chief  
SSgt Joshi, Motor T Chief  
Nereida Cadle, Key Volunteer Coordinator

Again, don't hesitate to call (858) 577-9732 or 9735 because we're here to help. I thank you for your service to your country and your support to your Marines.

Captain Gabriel Perez  
CO CSSC-134

## FYI

- **The CLR-15 Key Volunteer Network Website** is accessed through the following website address:  
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/msc/1mlg/KVN/deployed/cssg15deployed.html>.
- The **1st MLG Website** can be viewed at  
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/msc/1mlg/>.
- **Thank you** to the following who have made donations that CLR-15 Marines and Sailors received:  
**CostCo** for donating clothes and products.
- CLR-15's **Chaplain's Office** has its own section on CLR-15's KVN Website. Look under "CLR-15 Chaplain" for the Chaplain's newsletter and other messages.
- To see the **1st MLG organizational chart**, go to the 1st MLG Website listed above and click on "Here" at the bottom left of the page.
- Don't forget to review the material including the **Communication Tips** in the **Deployment Information Package**. There is a lot of good information for the families of deployed Marines and Sailors. If you need a copy of the Package, please email Christina Galvez at [cssg15kvc@cox.net](mailto:cssg15kvc@cox.net)
- **Deployed Mailing Addresses:** Mailing addresses differ according to unit. **Medical Bn** addresses are based on detachment. If you do not know or are unsure about your Marine or Sailor's deployed mailing address, contact your Key Volunteer. CLC-133, CLC-134 and augments, check with your respective unit or KVN.



### CLR-15 KVC

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

In preparation for the upcoming deployments, I participated at briefs for Headquarters Co, 1st Maintenance Bn and 1st Supply Bn. It was a pleasure to meet and speak with so many of CLR-15's family members.

Please remember that I am not only a Key Volunteer, but I am also a spouse of a Marine who has deployed twice to Iraq. So especially for those who are experiencing this for the first time, I understand a lot of what you are going through, as do many others.

There is no need to go through this alone. I highly encourage all spouses to get on their unit's KVN roster to regularly receive information and have a contact just in case you need help- even if it is something as simple as locating a phone number.

Take advantage of any unit or KVN functions. Sometimes it is a great comfort to know some spouses in the same unit. You can rely on each other for support and may end up with a few lifetime friends.

Review the deployment package. Keep a KV's phone number handy even if you are not on a roster; and use it. That is what we are here for. I wish you and your Marine or Sailor a swift and safe deployment.

Christina Galvez  
KVC, CLR-15



### A Note from the Sergeant Major

## CSSG-15; TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

As we prepare to send our Marines and Sailors into harms way, lets all make sure that we have done everything we can to ensure that those left home are armed with the knowledge to get them through the deployment without any major problems.

Our Marines and Sailors will be better able to concentrate on the task at hand without having to worry about what is going on back on the home front. Now is the time to work through all those little things that make a deployment go good or bad. Things like powers of attorney; the time to find out you need one is not after your wife gets a ticket for having an expired car registration. Take a look at all the "What If's" and see if your family is ready for everything and anything that can come their way during a deployment.

Single Marines and Sailors have the same obligations to their families; they can leave good phone numbers and addresses so that no one is left in the dark during the deployment. I can't tell you how many times a phone number on a Marine or Sailors emergency contact information was wrong at a time when it was needed most. Make sure you update all your info as soon as it changes,

especially during a deployment.

Lastly, understand that no one is doing this alone. If problems arise (and they will) get help somewhere, be it a friend, the Chaplain, MCCS One Source, your KVN or the Command. We are here to help and to make sure that one of your families' "What If's" doesn't get to be a reality, and if it does, we will all work through it together.

The Marines and Sailors of CSSG-15 are one family and we take care of our own. May you all have a safe and successful deployment, and those left behind to man the home front a very smooth time while your loved ones are away bringing a new found freedom into our World.

Oohrah!! Sergeant Major Taylor out

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### A Note from CLC-133

## FOCUS ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT

As I'm sure you know, this past Quarter has been one hectic time for us. There were many highlights, to include retirements, and unfortunately one low for our CSSC 133 family. We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our own. I am extremely proud of our Sailors and Marines and the way we take care of our own. Our brother in arms' good attitude, friendly manner, and endless smiles had an impact on us all.

Facing the deployment it sometimes feels like there is not enough time. Many of us are "going forward" while others will be remaining behind-to carry the same load with fewer hands around it all. While we wrap up our final weeks, be sure to focus on what's important-not just at work but at home as well. Pre-deployment stress works on us all in many ways, just remember, it will get done. The couch will get moved, the taxes will be filed,

and the embark boxes will get packed. Make sure getting these things done also includes spending time with those you will miss. Don't let your priorities rule out the important people in your life.

Finally, while parts of us are deployed to Iraq, there will be a few adjustments back in Yuma. 1stLt Josh Sperling (the Family Readiness Officer) will be the acting commander. He will be assisted by MSgt Rick Lebron as the Operations Officer, GySgt Rick Nelson as acting First Sergeant, and GySgt Matt Stickels as Operations Chief. Maggie Sperling and Deborah Sides are still serving as the KVC and KVA, and will keep everyone in line. All of our contact numbers will remain the same, feel free to call if you have any questions or need any help.

Semper Fidelis, CLS.

### **A Note from 1st Supply Battalion**

## **DEPLOYMENT PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY**

Welcome back from the holiday leave period! I am happy to say that all of our Marines and Sailors have returned safely back to work after enjoying some much-deserved rest over the two 96's. It was a pleasure to see so many spouses and children at the holiday parties held by the companies in late December.

Over the last few months, the Marines and Sailors of 1st Supply Battalion have been aggressively preparing for the upcoming deployment through various training evolutions. This has called for many late nights and even trips to 29 Palms for the Mojave Viper Exercise. All of this has been geared towards setting the deploying Marines and Sailors up for success. I appreciate your continued support of your spouse during this critical time.

On 10 January we had our first pre-deployment brief. The brief was a huge success! I am confident the service members and their spouses who were able to attend walked away with a lot of useful information. Our second brief was 19 January. One more pre-deployment brief is scheduled for 31 January at the base theater. hope to see you all at one of them.

For the spouses of the deploying Marines and Sailors, remember that the KVN is here to assist you while your spouse is away. If you have not made contact with your Key Volunteer representative, now is a good time to do that.

### **A Note from 1st Medical Battalion**

## **WELCOME AUGMENTS & NEW MEMBERS TO FAMILY READINESS TEAM**

Since the beginning of the year, 1st Medical Battalion has been focusing on preparing our units for deployment by completing required training and personal readiness requirements. As we get closer to stepping off, the Battalion will be receiving augment personnel from Navy Medical Treatment Facilities throughout the world. These augments are the Doctors, Nurses, and Hospital Corpsmen that complete our Health Service Support organizations and enable them to be fully functional. We welcome them and look forward to their arrival. The Battalion will conduct a Pre-

As February nears, flexibility is going to be very important. Although there are published flight windows (from 10 February until 23 February) for the Scarlet rotation Marines, actual flight dates and times do not become available until a few days prior. Even then, it is important to realize that last minutes changes often do occur.

The Marines and Sailors remaining at Camp Pendleton need to be prepared for adjusted work schedules as well due to the large number of personnel going forward.

As always, Debbie and I wish you the best.

Semper Par  
Todd L. Lloyd

### **Power of Attorney for Care of Children**

A Power of Attorney (POA) for Care of Children allows someone to stand in for you and authorize medical care for your children, deal with school issues, etc. When a spouse is deployed, it is a good idea for the spouse who is home to have a POA for Care of Children, naming someone in the local area to act in his or her place in case of an emergency. Parents may want to have a POA for someone local and also for a relative or someone who may not be close by, but who would come to care for the children in an emergency.

## **Base Resources**

American Red Cross  
(760) 725-3303/3304

Armed Services YMCA  
(760) 385-4921

Chaplain  
(760) 725-4539

Counseling Services  
(760) 725-9051/3841

Deployment Readiness Service  
(760) 725-9052

Information, Tickets & Tours  
(760) 725-5864

Legal Services Support Section  
(760) 725-8772

LINKS  
(760) 725-2335

CREDO  
(760) 725-4954

Marine Corps Family Team Building  
(760) 725-9052

MCCS One Source  
(800) 433-6868

Military Outreach Ministries  
(760) 908-7043

Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton

Patient Information  
(760) 725-1288

Central Appointments/  
Family Medicine  
(760) 725-4327

Acute Care/ Emergency Room  
(760) 725-5440

Maternity  
(760) 725-1639

Pediatrics  
(760) 725-1197

Pharmacy  
(760) 725-0905

Navy and Marine Corps Relief  
(760) 725-5337

New Parent Support Program  
(760) 725-3884

OIF Hotline  
(866) 227-2708

TRICARE  
(888) 874-9378

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)  
(760) 433-3814